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AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MANAMA
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AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
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SUBJECT: UAE REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID
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1. (U) AFTER 24-HOUR PAUSE, UAE MEDIA HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH REPORTING WORLDWIDE CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI RAID. LOCAL REACTION CONDEMNING THE RAID HAS COME FROM SHAIKH KHALIFA, CROWN PRINCE OF ABU DHABI AND DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES, AND MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID ABDULLAH. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED THE REACTION COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. FOREIGN MIN-

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ISTRY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL TOLD CHARGE THAT RAPID DISSEMINATION OF U.S. CONDEMNATION OF RAID TOOK A BIT OF THE EDGE OFF LOCAL REACTION. ON THE OTHERHAND, THE ARAB EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY IS CHEERFULLY SPREADING THE STORY THAT THE RAID COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT USG CONNIVANCE. PERHAPS MOST DISTURBING ELEMENT OF THE PRESS REACTION (REFTEL) IS THE HARPING ON THE THEME THAT THE THREAT TO GULF SECURITY COMES FROM ISRAEL AND NOT FROM SOVIETS BECAUSE THE ISRAELIS HAVE STRUCK AT WHAT IS, AT LEAST NOMINALLY, A GULF COUNTRY.

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